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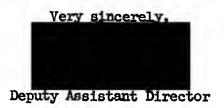
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Dr. Lloyd V. Berkner President Associated Universities, Incorporated Suite 1750, Coliseum Tower 10 Columbus Circle New York 19, New York

Dear Lloyd:

With reference to our prior conversation on Unidentified Flying Objects, there is enclosed for your information a copy of a letter to the Air Force together with the declassified version of the Panel Report.



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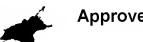
Attachments:

1 - Letter to Air Force (S)

1 - Declassified Panel Report (U)

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence

Department of the Air Force

ATTENTION

: Major James F. Byrne

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BUBJECT

: Declassification of the "Report of the Scientific

Panel on Unidentified Flying Objects"

1. We have just received the final letter from the members of the above Panel concerning your request for declassification of the above report. Both CIA and all members of the Panel have agreed that the conclusions of paragraph 2. can be declassified and that Recommendation 4.a. can be declaraified. However, it is the decision of all concerned that the conclusion of paragraph 3. may not be declassified and that the recommendation of 4.b. may not be declarsified. On the basis of the above declassification, no member of the Panel objects to the use of his name in connection with the declassified conclusion and recommendation.

- 2. In order to simplify your utilization of the declassified material, I am attaching hereto a revised version of the report of the Panel which consists of a paraphrase of paragraph 1, the exact wording of paragraph 2, a new paragraph 3 which includes the declassified Recommendation 4.a. and an appropriate paraphrasing of the balance of paragraph 4 less Recommendation 4.b.
 - 3. I trust that this will serve the purposes of this request.

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Deputy Assistant Director

cc: Members of Panel



REPORT OF THE SCHENIFIC PANEL. ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

17 January 1953

- 1. The undersigned Panel of Scientific Consultants has met at the request of the Government to evaluate any possible threat to national security posed by Unidentified Flying Objects ("Flying Saucers"), and to make recommendation. The Panel has received the evidence as presented by cognizant Governmental agencies, primarily the United States Air Force, and has reviewed a selection of the best documented incidents.
 - 2. As a result of its considerations, the Panel concludes:

 That the evidence presented on Unidentified Flying Objects shows no indication that these phenomena constitute a direct physical threat to national security.

We firmly believe that there is no residuam of cases which indicates phenomena which are attributable to foreign artifacts capable of hostile acts, and that there is no evidence that the phenomena indicate a need for the revision of current scientific concepts.

3. In the light of this conclusion, the Panel recommends:

That the national security agencies take immediate steps to
strip the Unidentified Flying Objects of the special status they
have been given and the sura of mystery they have unfortunately
acquired.



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We suggest that this aim may be achieved by an integrated program designed to reassure the public of the total lack of evidence of inimical forces behind the phenomena.

H. P. Robertson, Chairman fornia Institute of Technology

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